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## Millennials, don't miss these tax write-offs



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The pages of the Wall Street Journal, Business Insider and Trump magazine can't stop complaining about the two things tearing our country apart: taxes and Millennials. With good reason, too—April rearing its ugly head like a groundhog decked out in Zara means that Tax

Day is rapidly approaching. And, like your typical Millennial, it's three days late.

Though the job market continues to improve, zillions of young Americans remain underemployed or knee-deep in career-defining unpaid internships. Given the current generation's hardships, here are some suggestions for 2015 tax breaks that could give Millennials a leg up on their inevitable bankruptcy.

### PARENTS' CELLPHONE BILL

If anyone can claim you as a dependent on their family plan, they're free to deduct the cost of your mooching in spite of the fact that you can easily afford the Now Network. Rollover minutes carry over into next year's return.

### TIDAL REFUND

Now that "The Life of Pablo" is available on Spotify, you're free to unsubscribe from Tidal. Use this deduction to write down the cost of the accidental one month auto-renewal you forgot to turn off.

### TIME SPENT ON BERNIE SANDERS

Cool, he won Wisconsin, but come on. You're entitled to a full deduction for the time, energy and enthusiasm you spent on your first cute major political campaign before the heartbreaking inevitability of blind optimism. Consider using refunded time to vote in midterm elections, which you won't.

### WEDDING HASHTAGS

Is your love as iconic as that of Brangelina, Kimye or SarahBroderickParker? Probably not, but that doesn't mean you can't write off expenses from the embarrassing amount of effort put into developing the perfect hashtag for tagging pictures of alcoholic cousins dancing to "The Alligator" in celebration of the union of Mike Palmer and Diana Palowski. #palpal

### BRUNCH

Deduct the full cost of Monday's decreased productivity brought on by 12 hours' worth of Sunday mimosas and chilaquiles at Au Cheval.

### BABY BOOMER CREDIT

They won't give you any, but try to keep a smile on your face as you fund the Social Security and Medicare programs they plan to deplete.

### UBER CONVERSATION REFUND

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## WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE PANAMA PAPERS?

## Los Angeles Times

**M**any of the world's rich and powerful last week were scurrying for cover after the release of the so-called Panama Papers, possibly one of the largest leaks of secret intelligence ever and one that apparently reveals a vast network of financial shenanigans.

The documents (more than 11 million documents and 2.6 terabytes of information) from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca were obtained by several international news outlets and published last weekend. They appear to show how a who's who in the global political and business elite—and maybe drug traffickers—have mounted complex systems to hide money in offshore accounts.

By itself, it is not illegal to hold money overseas. But the implication is that many of those mentioned evaded taxes or that money illicitly obtained was laundered through such clandestine networks.

As the scandal widened, country after country, as well as many of the prominent figures mentioned, issued denials and statements of indignation. Activist groups, meanwhile, demanded investigations into the tax havens provided by countries such as Panama and the Seychelles.

The Panama Papers could provide investigative leads to authorities as well as journalists for months if not years.

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which took the lead in examining and publishing the trove of more than 11 million documents dating to 1977, said the information appears to show that Mossack Fonseca established shell companies and offshore accounts to help hundreds of people move their money.

## COUNTRIES, GROUPS &amp; LEADERS UNDER SCRUTINY



## BRITAIN

After denying owning any offshore accounts, Prime Minister **David Cameron** acknowledged Thursday that he had in fact profited in the past from shares in an offshore firm set up by his father.

Cameron told ITV news that he and his wife, Samantha, sold shares worth 31,500 pounds (currently \$44,300) in an offshore fund named Blairmore Holdings in January 2010—five months before Cameron became prime minister. They had paid 12,497 pounds for the shares in 1997. Cameron said the money was subject to British tax “in the normal ways.”

He said he sold his shares because he did not want anyone to accuse him of having “vested interests.”



## ICELAND

Prime Minister **Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson** got up and walked out of a television interview in which he was confronted with the

existence of a secretive offshore company he had links to.

Gunnlaugsson later resigned after the publication of the reports, which allege he had sold an interest in an offshore company to his wife for \$1 just days before he would have been required to disclose the interest. The company held millions of dollars' worth of bonds in Iceland's banks, whose failure plunged the country into a deep recession and burdensome capital controls.

Thousands of protesters gathered in front of parliament, which was hit with eggs and

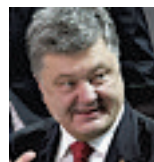
bananas. The fruit was a symbol of protesters' anger that the country was, in their view, becoming a “banana republic.”



## RUSSIA

President **Vladimir Putin's** spokesman said “Putinophobia” had fueled reports that some \$2 billion had been channeled through the accounts to people associated with the president. The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists reported that a close friend of Putin, cellist Sergei Roldugin, is listed as the owner of offshore companies that have obtained payments from other companies of tens of millions of dollars. The ICIJ said “evidence in the files suggests Roldugin is acting as a front man for a network of Putin loyalists—and perhaps for Putin himself.”

Putin described the allegations as part of the U.S.-led disinformation campaign waged against Russia in order to weaken its government. “They are trying to destabilize us from within in order to make us more compliant,” he said.



## UKRAINE

The reports show that President **Petro Poroshenko**, who had promised voters he would sell his candy business when

he ran for office in 2014, had instead moved it offshore under a holding company in the British Virgin Islands.

The move possibly deprived Ukraine of millions of dollars in tax revenue. Yet Poroshenko focused on the letter of the law, not his political inconsistencies, insisting he has done nothing wrong and hasn't managed his assets since being elected. Some adversaries are calling for his removal from office.



## CHINA

Reports say Mossack Fonseca had arranged offshore companies for relatives of at least eight present or past members

of the Communist Party's Politburo Standing Committee, the apex of power in China. Among those it mentioned was the brother-in-law of President **Xi Jinping**. China's foreign ministry denounced the reports as “groundless.”

State media are ignoring the reports, and search results of websites and social media for the words “Panama documents” were blocked.



## FIFA (&amp; MESSI)

One of FIFA's ethics committee members, the Uruguayan attorney **Pedro Damiani**, is facing an internal investigation by the world

soccer association after revelations from the Panama Papers. Damiani's law firm manages offshore companies, including several that may have been used to pay bribes in the corruption scandal that has led to the arrests of top FIFA officials, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* reported. A spokesman for Damiani told the newspaper he could not respond in detail due to the ongoing investigation.

Scandal has also touched **Lionel Messi**, perhaps the world's greatest soccer player. Messi is already facing allegations of using offshore companies to illegally avoid taxation in Spain, and the Panama Papers revealed that Messi and his father shared ownership in yet another shell company temporarily managed by Mossack Fonseca, according to the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Messi and his father reportedly declined to comment, but Messi has previously said that he signs whatever documents his father presents to him. —AP



**Demonstrators sit down in protest outside Downing Street in London on Saturday. Many were calling for Prime Minister David Cameron's resignation following revelations via the 'Panama Papers' about his profits from offshore accounts. GETTY IMAGES**



## WHAT THE PANAMA PAPERS MEAN FOR THE U.S.

### EFFECT ON ELECTION 2016

The Panama Papers offer a glimpse into what's driving the populist outrage that has marked this year's presidential campaign.

The reaction in the U.S. has been relatively muted. But voters and experts say the documents validate the frustration felt by Bernie Sanders supporters on the left, who feel hard work is no longer enough to get ahead in America, and the anger of Donald Trump partisans on the right, who say it will take someone who knows the insider system to dismantle it.

"We've recently heard the startling revelations about the tax dodge that is taking place in Panama," Sanders told supporters in Wyoming on Tuesday night after his win in the Wisconsin Democratic primary. "In a time of massive income and wealth inequality, how does it happen that you have large, profitable multinational corporations who in a given year pay zero, not a penny, in federal income taxes?"

Joe Brettell, a Republican strategist based in Houston, doubted whether the public's fury could get much worse.

"The populist anger being fueled primarily by white working-class Americans didn't need any more fuel," Brettell said. "They've already lived through the financial meltdown. They've already lived through the lack of middle class wage increases even as the stock market boomed."

The passports of at least 200 Americans are included in the documents, according to news organizations that have access to them, though

none are thought to be as famous as celebrities and politicians from other countries.

### IS THE U.S. A TAX HAVEN?

America's openness to foreign tax evaders is coming under new scrutiny after the leak. The U.S. lambastes and strong-arms countries that help drug lords and millionaire investors hide their money from tax collectors. Critics say it should look closer to home.

America itself is emerging as a top tax haven alongside the likes of Switzerland, the Cayman Islands and Panama, those seeking reform of the international tax system say. And states such as Delaware, Nevada, South Dakota and Wyoming, in particular, are competing with one another to provide foreigners with the secrecy they crave.

"There's a big neon sign saying the U.S. is open to tax cheats," says John Christensen, executive director of the Tax Justice Network.

Christensen's group, which campaigns for a global crack-down on tax evaders, says the United States ranks third in the world in financial secrecy,

behind Switzerland and Hong Kong but ahead of notorious tax havens such as the Cayman Islands and Luxembourg.

Under a 2010 law, the United States demands that banks and other financial institutions disclose information on Americans abroad to make sure they pay their U.S. taxes.

But the U.S. doesn't automatically return the favor.

More than 90 countries have signed on to a 2014 information-sharing agreement set up by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; the U.S. is among the few that haven't joined. American banks don't even collect the kind of information foreign countries would need to identify tax dodgers. —AP

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# Baseball FOR ALL

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Every April, Chicagoans perk up along with sports fans across the country. And it's definitely not the bizarre lake-effect weather that awakens us.

Rather, baseball—whether you are a Cubs fan or a White Sox fan—brings us back to life. It could

be that the season represents a new beginning, like a do-over of what we didn't get right from New Year's resolutions. Though there might be more to it than that.

It's no wonder baseball is America's national pastime (sorry, football). If you think America is a land of opportunity, equality and abundance, then baseball explains a lot about who we are and try to be. It corresponds to our needs as free people and everything to which we aspire.

True, baseball was not designed by the Founding Fathers, and that leather-string ball didn't come from Betsy Ross. Yet tenets central to democracy pop up continuously:

## ALL ARE CREATED EQUAL

Baseball does not require you to be tall or fast, nor supremely fit. If you hit well, throw well or have other skills, nobody cares if you're a natural athlete. Running is involved, but only so much.

Moreover, economic background and social stratification are largely irrelevant. Many of the best players in the majors come from some of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.

And sure, most of those who play at the elite level of baseball are superb athletes, but compared with sports such as football and basketball, both of which generally require height and brawn, baseball's barriers to entry aren't so written in stone.

## INTERNATIONAL ROOTS

Baseball is more than just a game. People from many parts of the world come to the U.S. seeking out baseball. Countries such as Japan, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Panama regularly send their best to the majors, while Canadians and even the occasional player from Europe drop in to make their mark.

## EVERYONE GETS THEIR TURN

In football, only the chosen few like quarterbacks and receivers get real quality ball time without stealing it. In tennis, your opponent tries their best to keep the ball in play but out of your reach. But in baseball, you get your share and get your crack. Everyone gets an at-bat.

## FREE SPEECH REIGNS

In baseball, you can feel free to talk smack in the field or chirp, "Hey, batter batter," to distract the sorry soul at the plate. Talk continuous trash in basketball and you might get a technical foul (ask Russell Westbrook). In soccer, what you say might get you head-butted in the chest (see: the 2006 World Cup). Getting thrown out of a baseball game often requires shoving an umpire.

## FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

Baseball brings out the best in those who play and love the sport, as well as the fans who watch the game both in large stadiums and astride neighborhood diamonds just

about everywhere. Never mind that when St. Louis is in town you can't get tickets to Wrigley or the Cell because Cardinals fans snatch them up. That's freedom of assembly, and the power of open markets!

## NOT BAD FOR A NATIONAL PASTIME

One of Finland's best-known national pastimes is the sauna. Don't tell them "sauna" isn't technically a sport. Afghanistan's national sport, buzkashi, is a sport. But instead of a ball, players toss around a dead goat (really?). And France? You could joke that its national pastime is wearing berets and smoking.

But we shouldn't make too much fun of the French. They were a willing ally during the American Revolution, giving us a big pat on the back when our new, free nation needed it. France even gave us the Statue of Liberty in 1886 to celebrate and commemorate liberty. And, perhaps, better than anybody, they realized that people everywhere basically want the same things: freedom, a chance to play and a little personal space.

Even as a competitive endeavor, baseball is one pastime that gives you all you need.

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—**Kyle Schwarber**, talking to reporters on Saturday, after an MRI revealed tears in the anterior cruciate ligament and lateral collateral ligament in his left knee that will sideline him for the rest of the season. Schwarber injured the knee, and also sprained his left ankle, during Thursday’s game against the Diamondbacks.

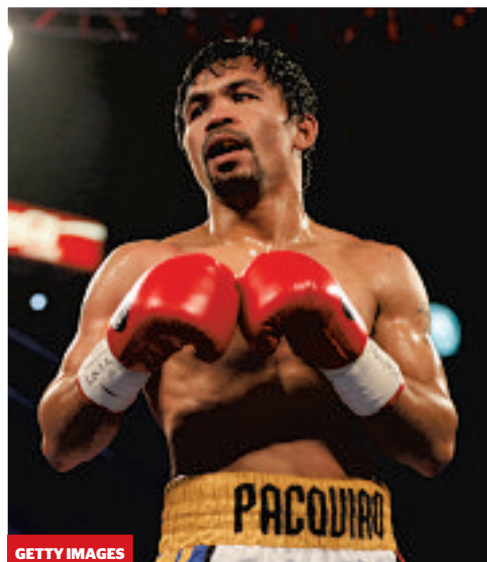
### Congrats, Eatons!

The White Sox put Adam Eaton on paternity leave before Sunday’s game, and on Sunday the team tweeted that Eaton’s wife had welcomed a baby boy—named Brayden, according to the Sox’s Twitter—into the world. Manager Robin Ventura said Eaton “hopefully” would be on the flight to Minnesota on Sunday night, and available for the upcoming series against the Twins. The team called up right-hander Michael Ynoa from Double-A Birmingham after Eaton was placed on leave, but Ynoa was sent back after Sunday’s game was postponed to May 23 because of imminent rain showers.

### Pacquiao calls it quits

After beating Timothy Bradley by unanimous decision Saturday night, **Manny Pacquiao** declared himself retired at age 37. Headed to an election for a Senate seat in the Philippines on May 9, Pacquiao said at a news conference after the fight that family and public service are his priorities.

“I’ve decided. I’ve committed to my family that after this fight I will spend more time with them and dedicate and focus to serve the people of the Philippines,” Pacquiao said. “That is my priority and focus.” His claim of retirement was greeted by skepticism given the history of un-retirements in boxing, and at his news conference, he didn’t rule out the possibility of a return, but emphasized that his decision was made. “I might enjoy retired life or I may come back. ... Right now, my decision is to retire,” he said.



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# Get toasted

CHICAGO'S 6 BEST FANCY TOASTS, FROM AVOCADO TO FOIE GRAS

By Michael Nigrant | FOR REDEYE

Tacos, burgers and pizza.

These are the three super food groups on which trends are built. As much as chefs might like it to happen, things with confusing and cutesy French names rarely make it past the appetizer section of a single high-end restaurant. You'd think that might also be the case with the tartine.

When I first heard the term, I thought it was a euphemism for a diminutive Victorian-era lady of ill repute. In reality, it's a French word for an open-faced sandwich, usually served on toast. As I've dined out over the past six-plus months, I've encountered

almost as many tartines as I have slabs of pork belly.

It's no surprise that toast is having a moment. Whether it's painted with avocado, dripping with foie gras and jam or piled high with caviar, it's hard to find a menu in Chicago that doesn't offer at least one. But for every hit, there's a sad excuse for a baguette that's made with the same ingredients as a yoga mat. You must be careful what you chew.

To help you in that quest, here are six of the best things we've seen on crispy, crunchy bread in the past few months.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY EAT & DRINK EDITOR MORGAN OLSEN.

MICHAEL NAGRANT IS A REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR. REPORTERS VISIT RESTAURANTS UNANNOUNCED, AND MEALS ARE PAID FOR BY REDEYE.



## POACHED EGGS WITH AVOCADO ON MULTIGRAIN \$12 AT THE ALLIS

113 N. Green St. 312-521-8000

You might be thinking to yourself, "Oh, gawd. Not another piece of avocado toast." That's a valid concern, but you'll be a born-again believer after stepping into Soho House's lobby restaurant and bar, The Allis, and ordering the avocado toast. Hearty hunks of tender avocado mingle with red chili flakes, fresh basil and a gloriously plump poached egg. You'll break that egg and watch the yolk dribble down to the thick, crusty multigrain bread below (who knows, you might even Instagram it). It sounds simple enough, and it is, but this avocado toast is one of the purist versions of the trend in the city.



## CHICKEN LIVER TOAST \$12 AT BAR MARTA

2700 W. Chicago Ave. 773-697-4489

In the past few years, Humboldt Park has become somewhat of a breeding ground for great chicken liver. The stuff served at Rootstock (954 N. California Ave. 773-292-1616) is so silky and rich—and not too funky—that I swore it was actually pricey foie gras the first time I had it. But late last year, some friendly competition moved in down the street when Jeff

Pikus and the crew over at Bar Marta brought chicken liver of the gods to the neighborhood. Tufted slathers of the stuff ooze with boozy cognac, and notes of sherry grace the crusty bark of fermented house-baked sourdough bread. Spicy red chili slivers, crispy splinters of chicken skin and wintergreen-wafting sprigs of parsley burst in each bite. Had the foie gras ban proposed by Ald. Joe Moore (49th) stuck here in Chicago, I would've been fine with this stuff as an alternative.



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## CAVIAR BRIOCHE \$8 AT SINK SWIM

3213 W. Armitage Ave. 773-486-7465

Toast is the ultimate finger food; if you're using a fork and knife, you're probably doing it wrong. But Sink Swim, a refined and cozy seafood haven in Logan Square, has managed to make the handheld trend even more accessible with this snack-sized brioche. Each toasted round is topped with onion caramel, a small mound of smoked salmon roe and bits of cured egg yolk. The end result is buttery, tangy and melt-in-your-mouth delicious. And with five per order, you'll be tempted to pop them in your mouth one after the next, but logic will tell you to slow down and savor every last bit. And maybe lick your fingers when it's all over.



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## FOIE GRAS TOAST \$9 AT BUNNY, THE MICRO BAKERY

2928 N. Broadway

Not since J.K. Rowling unleashed Harry Potter mania on the masses have owls been so fetishized. Enter Iliana Regan, owner of Elizabeth and most recently Bunny, the Micro Bakery in Lakeview. At Bunny, Regan has taken her owl-philia to new heights by pressing foie gras into intricate owl molds. Those bird-shaped nuggets of cured liver later rest atop thick slices of brioche and a schmear of lustrous raspberry jam. People say there's nothing better than butter, but when this foie gras melts into the warm bread and swirls around with that sweet jam, it sure makes a case for butter-beating goodness. Even if the toast didn't taste good, which isn't the case here, it's the cutest and most curious thing I've seen since Leo DiCaprio vaping at the Screen Actors Guild Awards.



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## WHITEFISH TARTINE \$13 AT GREENRIVER

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The whitefish tartine at GreenRiver in Streeterville is so pretty that the folks there printed a picture of the dish on a postcard they hand out with your bill.

But it's more than just a pretty open-face sandwich. Translucent curls of celery, wispy-thin slivers of radish and smoky, creamy whitefish dunes are all perched on top of a crackling piece of bread. It's an edible symphony of satisfying contrasts: smoky and acidic, sweet and bitter, soft and crunchy. It's fit for ladies-who-lunch fare or a pre-dinner treat to soak up the boozy bar program that shouldn't be missed.



## BREAD AND BUTTER \$3 AT CELLAR DOOR PROVISIONS

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The most efficient path between two points might be a line, but sometimes the most satisfying path is the long and winding one. Such might be the philosophy behind Logan Square's Cellar Door Provisions. The owners and bakers here are old school in the best way possible. If there's a hard way to do something, they've likely dedicated themselves to it. Their bread is shaped by hand, cured for days and baked individually in cast-iron pans. The process is so painstaking that they don't sell loaves to go, only because they just have time to make enough for daily service. So here's what you'll do: Go in the morning, fork over \$3, crunch down on the mahogany crust, inhale the yeast that lies deep within the soft innards of this warm bread and repeat. The first time one of my pickiest (and most social) friends tried this stuff, he stopped talking to me mid-sentence and remained silent for at least three minutes after.



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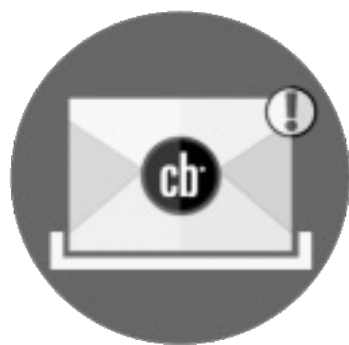
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### Aries March 21-April 19

You might feel extra sexy early in the week and then suddenly lose your steam before you even realize what hit you. Mars, your ruling planet, will turn retrograde on Sunday, and as a result, you might not have all of your usual mojo. This is your opportunity for a time-out. The universe recognizes that you need to rest and regroup in order to process and then focus on what's really important. Honor it.



### Taurus April 20-May 20

Early in the week, you and your lover might enjoy exploring a taboo fantasy together. An erotic encounter is likely. In addition, you might even allow your partner into a part of your psyche that you kept guarded for way too long. Tackling these trust issues will surely enhance the intimate connection you're capable of having with each other.



### Gemini May 21-June 20

Make the most of the sizzling energy you'll have early in the week with your partner, because by the end of the week, things might just fizzle out. On Tuesday, it's possible that the two of you will enjoy a fantastic social event together that gets both of you in the mood for love. By Sunday, however, Mars will turn retrograde in your relationship sector. It'll be time to slow down and contemplate where you've been and where you're going.



### Cancer June 21-July 22

Something about work or a professional opportunity this week will really turn you on. Be sure to spend time with your sweetheart talking about your mutual career goals or helping each other achieve them. Or, you may want to tackle a project both of you have been meaning to complete. Aim to finish up by the end of the week so you don't become frustrated by any unfinished work.



### Leo July 23-Aug. 22

You might feel full of hope and anticipation early in the week when it comes to your romantic prospects. If you've recently started to date someone new and sparks are flying, you may be tempted to begin a sexual relationship. Be careful: Mars will turn retrograde in your true love sector on Sunday. If you start a new sexual relationship during this time, you might feel less than satisfied. Wait until after June 29. Frustrating? Yes. Worth it? Definitely.



### Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You might want to schedule a midday romantic lunch date with your sweetheart early in the week. Even better? Consider taking Monday or Tuesday off and spend all day in bed together. Venus and Mars will be at a gorgeous angle, peaking Tuesday. This will allow you to enjoy the most erotic experience with your partner, right in the comfort of your home. Don't waste it.



### Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Aim to make the most of Tuesday's romantic energy. Think of it as your "last hurrah" before Mars turns retrograde on Sunday and begins to slow down the progress you've been enjoying in the relationship department. Once Mars enters hibernation mode, you and your partner might find it more difficult to reach an agreement about an important matter. This impasse phase may last a while.



### Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

There's not much romantic potential for you this week, but you can still take advantage of the sexy link between Venus and Mars on Tuesday. Honestly, money and work will be on your mind way more than anything else this week. Focus on what you need to right now. You'll have time for love after you pay the bills.



### Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Life may go from fun and sexy to downright drab this week. On Tuesday, you may feel like you and your lover are on some kind of high together. It'll be the best romantic day you have for quite some time, so make the most of it. By Sunday, Mars will turn retrograde in your sign. You may notice a slump in energy and motivation. The universe wants you to pay attention to your goals and do some honest recalibration.



### Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You and your sweetheart might enjoy a special day with family on Tuesday. It's possible that a domestic matter will be resolved easily, or that you'll find that you share the same ideas on how to proceed with a decorating project. After Sunday, you might feel a stronger need to conserve your energy. If you're not "in the mood" as much, don't dwell on it. It's time to recharge your spiritual batteries.



### Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

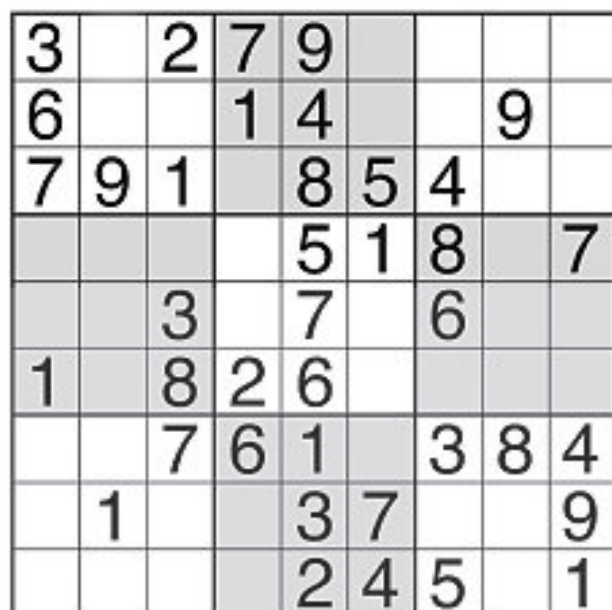
If you're single, your social life is the key to your love life these days. Perhaps you and a friend have been toying with the idea of exploring the chemistry you share. If so, aim for Tuesday. There's great potential for sparks to fly. After Sunday, however, you might begin to second-guess whether this friendship should be messed with. Going from friends to lovers will suddenly seem like a chaotic prospect.



### Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

If you're in a relationship, capitalize on the wonderful communication links that will happen this week. On Tuesday, you and your mate could be in perfect harmony about a financial decision. Then, on Thursday, you might be ready to sign a contract with your partner. It'll be a great day to move forward on any real estate or family financial planning paperwork. After Sunday, life slows down for everyone. No need to worry; go with the flow.





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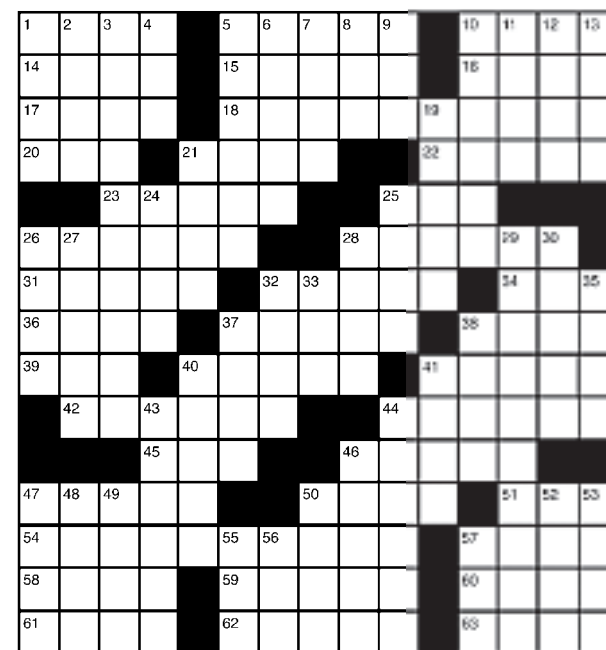


### ACROSS

- 1 Gigantic
- 5 Very angry
- 10 Actress Lange
- 14 Daytime sign on a shop door
- 15 Peace Prize
- 16 Reason to take a shower
- 17 James : 007
- 18 Lizard-like amphibian
- 20 Small number
- 21 Tempt
- 22 Outperforms
- 23 Train tracks
- 25 "How Green \_ My Valley"
- 26 Forerunner of a modern necktie
- 28 Physician
- 31 Refueling ship
- 32 Small stream
- 34 Blushing
- 36 "... more blessed to give than to receive"
- 37 "As luck \_ have it..."
- 38 Not yours, not his & not hers
- 39 Tasseled hat
- 40 Wading bird
- 41 Meat shunner
- 42 In \_; privately
- 44 Sermon
- 45 Attila the \_
- 46 Twirled stick
- 47 \_ up for; defended
- 50 Very urgent
- 51 Colony insect
- 54 Unable to get out and about
- 57 Melancholy
- 58 Sculptor's tool
- 59 No longer a minor
- 60 Sandwiches, for short
- 61 Once in a blue \_; very rarely
- 62 Beauty shop
- 63 Fluid-filled sac

### DOWN

- 1 Vagabond
- 2 Come \_; find
- 3 Make a sweeping



- 4 assumption
- 5 Say no more
- 6 Cutting remark
- 7 Laughs loudly
- 8 Qualified
- 9 Actress Leoni
- 10 Lawn tree
- 11 Truthful
- 12 Likelihood
- 13 Wordsworth or Whitman
- 14 Screws up
- 15 Taken \_; surprised
- 16 One not to be trusted
- 24 Address abbreviations
- 25 Actress Natalie
- 26 Hairdo
- 27 Ceremonies
- 28 Robert or Elizabeth
- 29 At first
- 30 Of the kidneys
- 32 Ark or canoe
- 33 away; flee
- 35 Declare untrue
- 37 Songbird
- 38 Short note
- 40 In poor taste
- 41 Cast a ballot
- 43 \_; few, elite
- 44 Get
- 45 Church fund-raising game
- 47 Pillow cover
- 48 Needles buzz
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## HOT DATE APRIL 29

That's when Drake is slated to release his next album, "Views from the 6." Drake had confirmed an April album back in February and confirmed the specific date on Saturday on Twitter, according to [vulture.com](http://vulture.com). He also released two new songs this week. Hot damn, let's do this.



AP FILE

"He's fabulous, a real actor."

—Queen guitarist **Brian May**, to the Daily Mail's Event magazine, about **Ben Whishaw**, who the band hopes will play Freddie Mercury in an upcoming biopic about the frontman's life. May also spoke out against Sacha Baron Cohen, who recently told Howard Stern that the band wanted a PG-rated film instead of a darker feature. May said, "Sacha became an arse. ... We had some nice times with Sacha kicking around ideas, but he went off and told untruths about what happened." Ouch.



INSTAGRAM

◀ **It's guy love**  
**Zach Braff** (left) and **Donald Faison** are still in love. As friends, of course. Braff and Faison, who played J.D. and Turk, respectively, on the show "Scrubs," vacationed together down in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Instagram posts show them cuddling in and out of the pool, according to [eonline.com](http://eonline.com). Faison's wife, CaCee Cobb, was with them, too. Braff also posted a photo of himself wearing a towel with his own face on it around his waist. We would like to hang out with these guys, please and thank you.

## Showrunner out for 'Vinyl'

Terence Winter—the showrunner for HBO's 1970s drama "Vinyl"—has been "let go over creative differences," according to [deadline.com](http://deadline.com). "As we head into the second season of Vinyl, we have decided it is an appropriate time to make a change in the creative direction of the show," HBO said in a statement to Deadline. Those creative differences were probably that the show is not any good, creatively or otherwise.

## THE DIGIT

**\$23.48M** That's how much money Melissa McCarthy's "The Boss" made at the domestic box office this weekend. According to [thr.com](http://thr.com), the movie claimed the top box-office spot, just beating out "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice." In its third weekend, the superhero flick fell 54 percent.

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